

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 986
By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty Jo Hill Goah of
Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Betty Jo Hill Goah; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goah was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Laurens, South Carolina, Betty Goah was raised in Johnson City by
her aunt, Mary Prather, and her stepmother, Lucy Hill; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Langston High School, Mrs. Goah attended Milligan College
and earned a certificate in Black Church Studies: Administration and Ethics from Vanderbilt's
School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to assisting those in need, Betty Goah served with acumen and
alacrity as the Job Corp Coordinator for the Upper East Tennessee Human Development
Agency, the Coordinator of the United Neighborhood Center, a Volunteer Coordinator for the
Tennessee Hunger Coalition, and a member of the Minority Health and Economic Development
Coalition for the Department of Health, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers
for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goah was an active and devout member of the Thankful Baptist
Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and always endeavored to
remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Betty Goah enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, the Reverend John G. W. Goah, and was the proud mother of Linda C. West, Larry Hill, John Goah, Jr., Wudutii Goah, and Martii Goah; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her sisters, Lois Johnson, Pricilla Robinson, Barbara Dunnigan, and Gwendolyn Welch; her brothers, Charles Hill and John Webster; and her granddaughter, Jasmine E. I. Hill; and

WHEREAS, Betty Goah leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Betty Jo Hill Goah, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Goah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.